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1. JORDAN: Abdullah desires treaty with Israel--US Charge Fritzlan in Amman reports that during a recent conversation King Abdullah expressed a desire to bring about permanent peace in Palestine and to conclude a definitive treaty with Israel. Abdullah declared that, without the restraint of the UN and the Arab League, he could easily negotiate a satisfactory treaty with Israel. Meanwhile, US Consul Burdett in Jerusalem has been informed by the Belgian Consul General that Abdullah has already established direct communications with Israel and that the British are encouraging Israeli-Jordan talks. According to the Belgian Consul General, Abdullah desires peace with Israel so that he can devote his entire attention to preventing a Syrian-Iraqi union and to promoting a union of Jordan and Syria.

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